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TAWARA 36: TAWARA SUSPENSE THEATER (PART 2)

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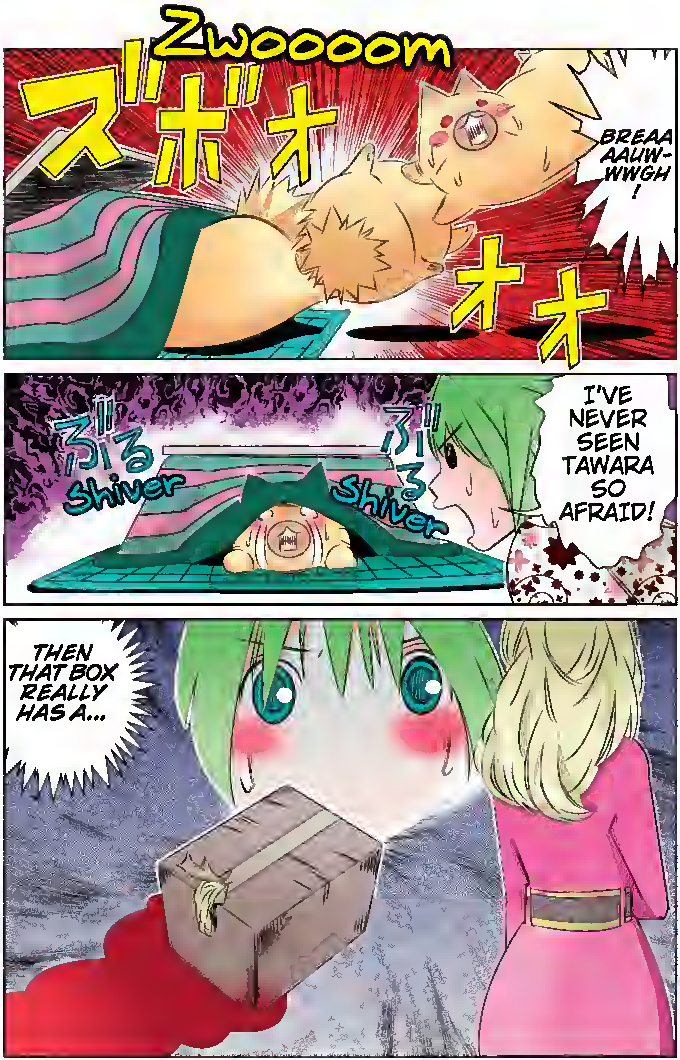
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BREAAAALIW-WWGH!
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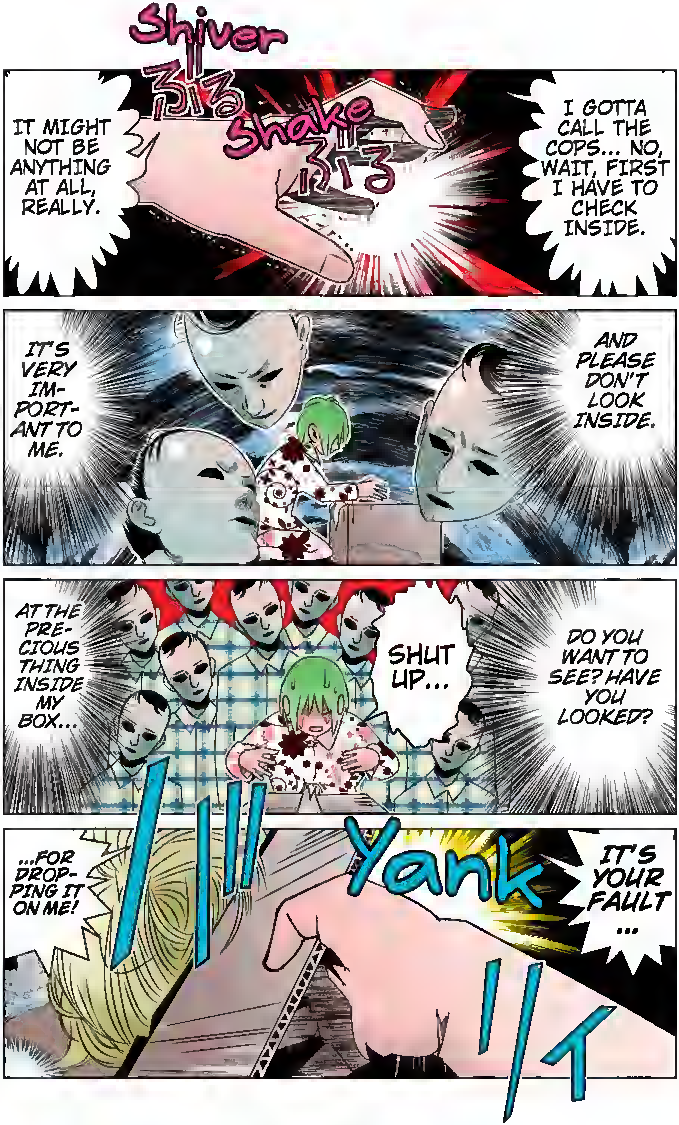
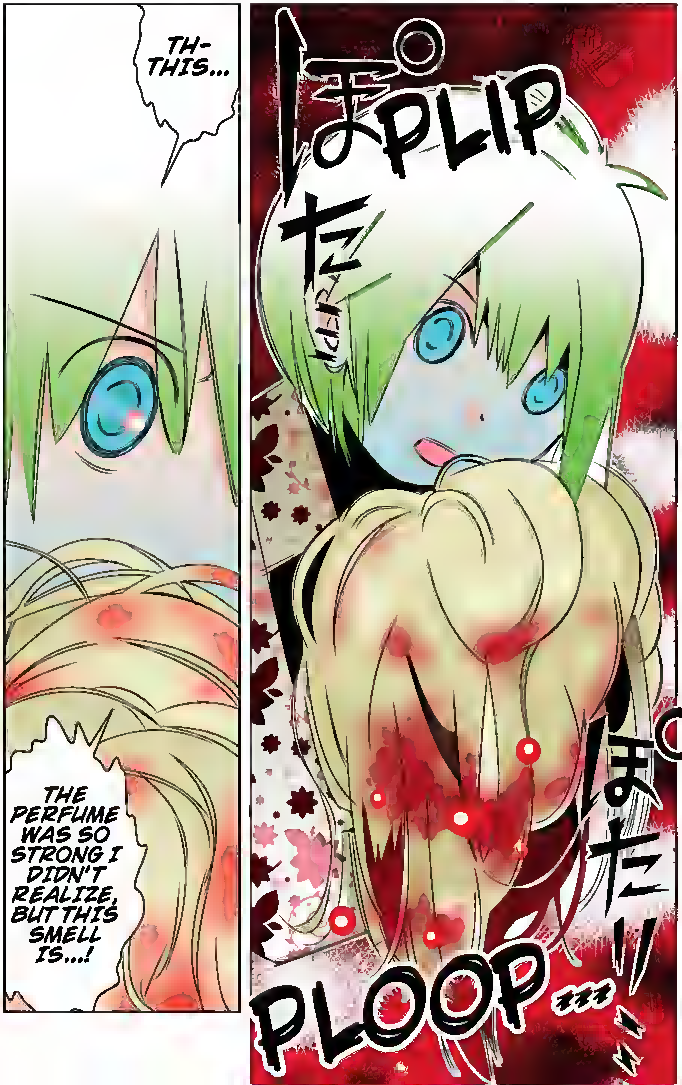
I'VE NEVER SEEN TAWARA SO AFRAID!
THEN THAT BOX REALLY HAS A...


Shiver
Shake
IT MIGHT NOT BE ANYTHING AT ALL, REALLY.
I GOTTA CALL THE COPS... NO, WAIT, FIRST I HAVE TO CHECK INSIDE.
IT'S VERY IM-PORT-ANT TO ME.
AND PLEASE DON'T LOOK INSIDE.
AT THE PRE-CIOUS THING INSIDE MY BOX...
SHUT UP...
DO YOU WANT TO SEE? HAVE YOU LOOKED?
...FOR DROP-PING IT ON ME!
Yank
IT'S YOUR FAULT ...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THIS...
THE PERFUME WAS SO STRONG I DIDN'T REALIZE, BUT THIS SMELL IS...!
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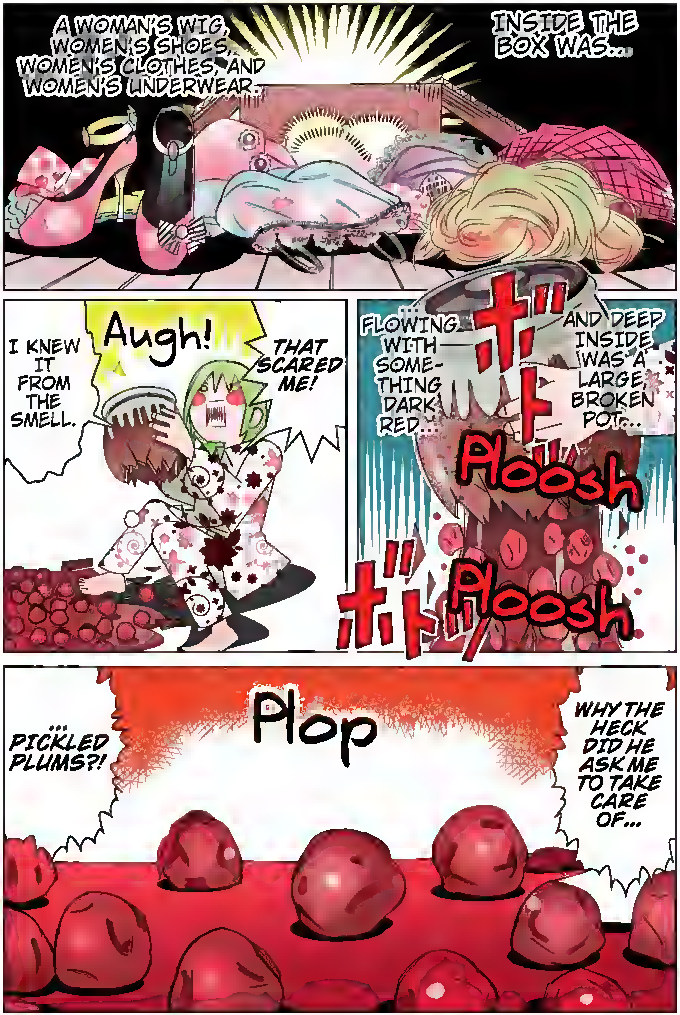
PLOOP


A WOMAN'S WIG, WOMEN'S SHOES, WOMEN'S CLOTHES, AND WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR.
INSIDE THE BOX WAS...
I KNEW IT FROM THE SMELL.
Augh!
THAT SCARED ME!
...FLOWING WITH SOME-THING DARK RED...
AND DEEP INSIDE WAS A LARGE, BROKEN POT...
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Ploosh
...PICKLED PLUMS?!
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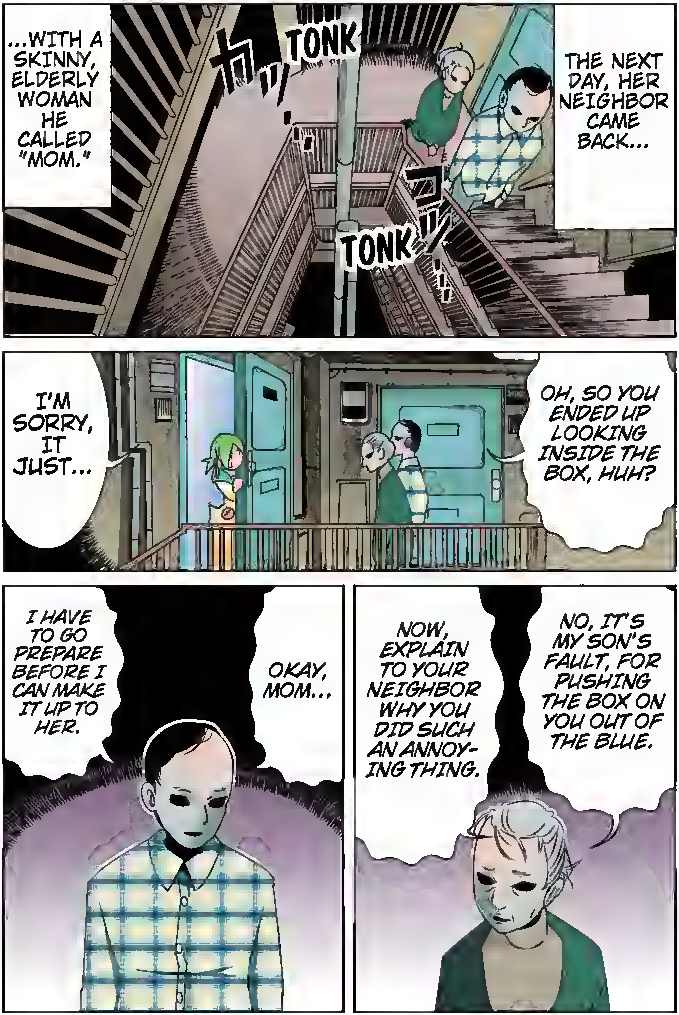
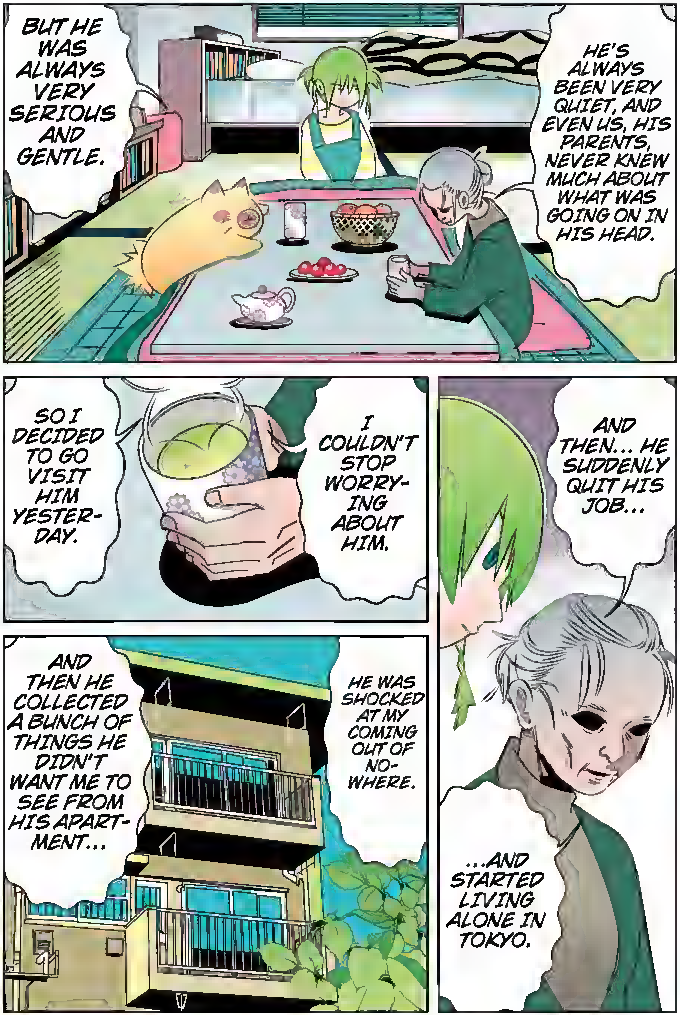
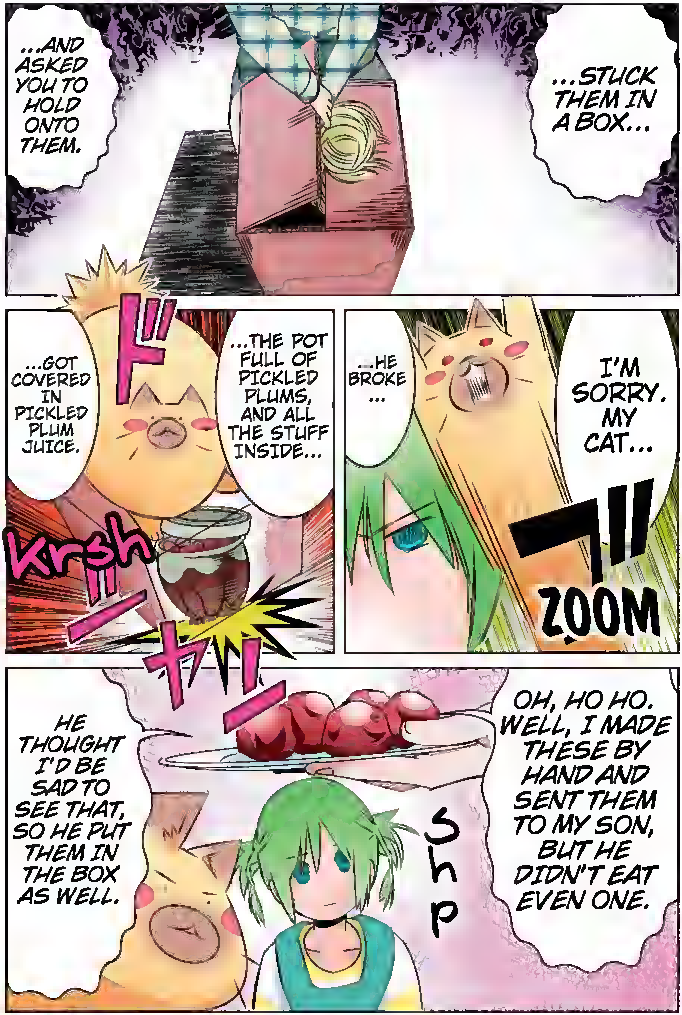
WHY THE HECK DID HE ASK ME TO TAKE CARE OF...


...WITH A SKINNY, ELDERLY WOMAN HE CALLED "MOM."
TONK
TONK
THE NEXT DAY, HER NEIGHBOR CAME BACK...
I'M SORRY, IT JUST...
OH, SO YOU ENDED UP LOOKING INSIDE THE BOX, HUH?
I HAVE TO GO PREPARE BEFORE I CAN MAKE IT UP TO HER.
OKAY, MOM...
NOW, EXPLAIN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR WHY YOU DID SUCH AN ANNOYING THING.
NO, IT'S MY SON'S FAULT, FOR PUSHING THE BOX ON YOU OUT OF THE BLUE.


BUT HE WAS ALWAYS VERY SERIOUS AND GENTLE.
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN VERY QUIET, AND EVEN US, HIS PARENTS, NEVER KNEW MUCH ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN HIS HEAD.
SO I DECIDED TO GO VISIT HIM YESTER-DAY.
I COULDN'T STOP WORRY-ING ABOUT HIM.
AND THEN... HE SUDDENLY QUIT HIS JOB...
AND THEN HE COLLECTED A BUNCH OF THINGS HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO SEE FROM HIS APART-MENT...
HE WAS SHOCKED AT MY COMING OUT OF NO-WHERE.
...AND STARTED LIVING ALONE IN TOKYO.


...AND ASKED YOU TO HOLD ONTO THEM.
...STUCK THEM IN A BOX...
...GOT COVERED IN PICKLED PLUM JUICE.
...THE POT FULL OF PICKLED PLUMS, AND ALL THE STUFF INSIDE...
Krsh
...HE BROKE ...
I'M SORRY. MY CAT...
ZOOM
HE THOUGHT I'D BE SAD TO SEE THAT, SO HE PUT THEM IN THE BOX AS WELL.
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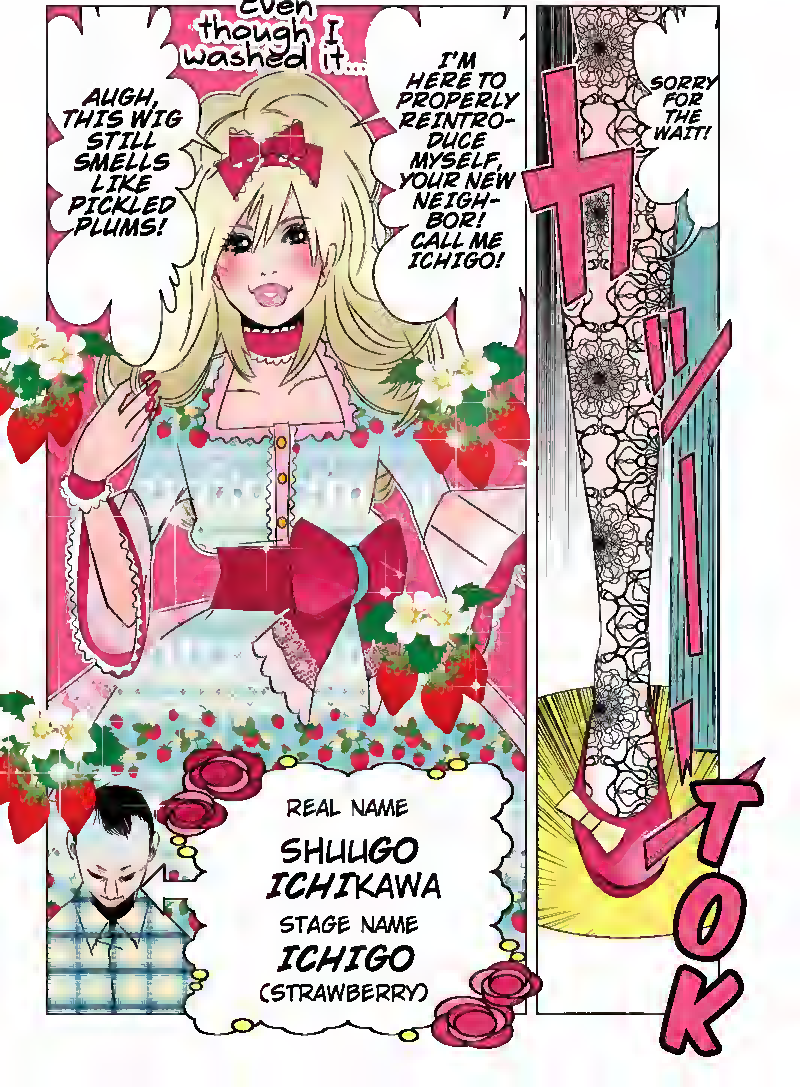
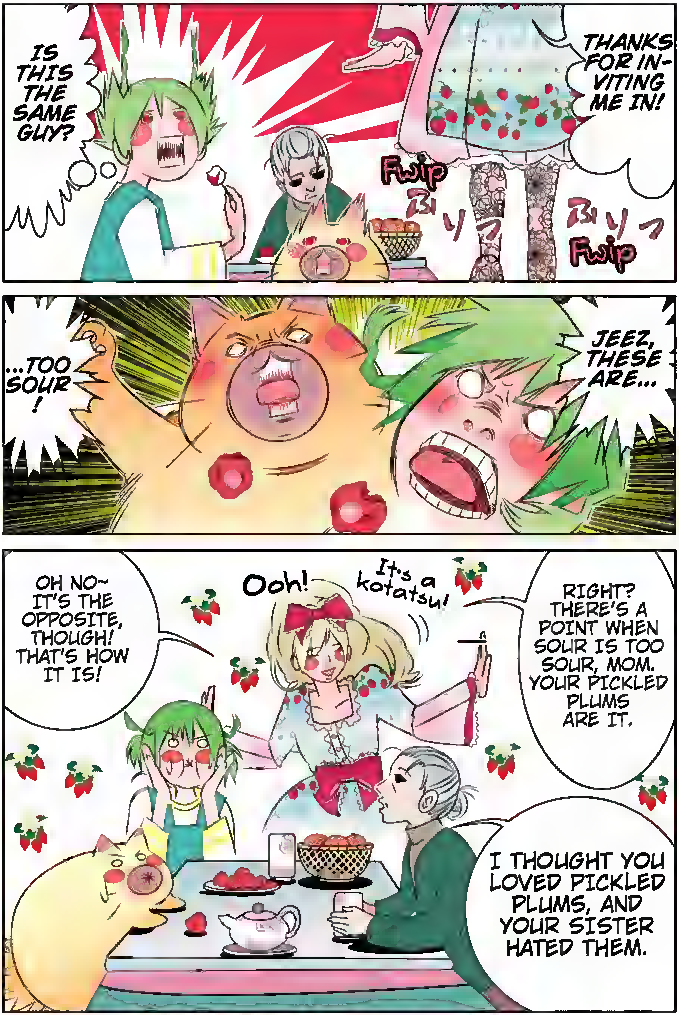
OH, HO HO. WELL, I MADE THESE BY HAND AND SENT THEM TO MY SON, BUT HE DIDN'T EAT EVEN ONE.


Even though I washed it...
AUGH, THIS WIG STILL SMELLS LIKE PICKLED PLUMS!
I'M HERE TO PROPERLY REINTRODUCE MYSELF, YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR! CALL ME ICHIGO!
SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
TOK
REAL NAME
SHUUGO ICHIKAWA
STAGE NAME
ICHIGO
(STRAWBERRY)


IS THIS THE SAME GUY?
Flip
Flip
THANKS FOR IN-VITING ME IN!
Flip
...TOO SOUR!
JEEZ, THESE ARE...
OH NO~ IT'S THE OPPOSITE, THOUGH! THAT'S HOW IT IS!
Ooh!
It's a kotatsu!
RIGHT? THERE'S A POINT WHEN SOUR IS TOO SOUR, MOM. YOUR PICKLED PLUMS ARE IT.
I THOUGHT YOU LOVED PICKLED PLUMS, AND YOUR SISTER HATED THEM.

GUY VERSION.
OH, YES. I WAS STRUGGLING WITH WHICH WAY TO DRESS WHEN I SAID HI TO ALL MY NEIGHBORS, YOU KNOW...
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はha...
WHEN YOU WERE DRESSED AS A GUY, YOU ACTED COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
ACTUALLY, I WAS ALWAYS SO ANXIOUS WHEN I LIVED NEAR MY PARENTS.
AND I WANTED TO BE MY TRUE SELF, SO THAT'S WHY I SUDDENLY LEFT.
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AND WHEN I PASSED BY YOU THAT DAY AND YOU SAID HI...
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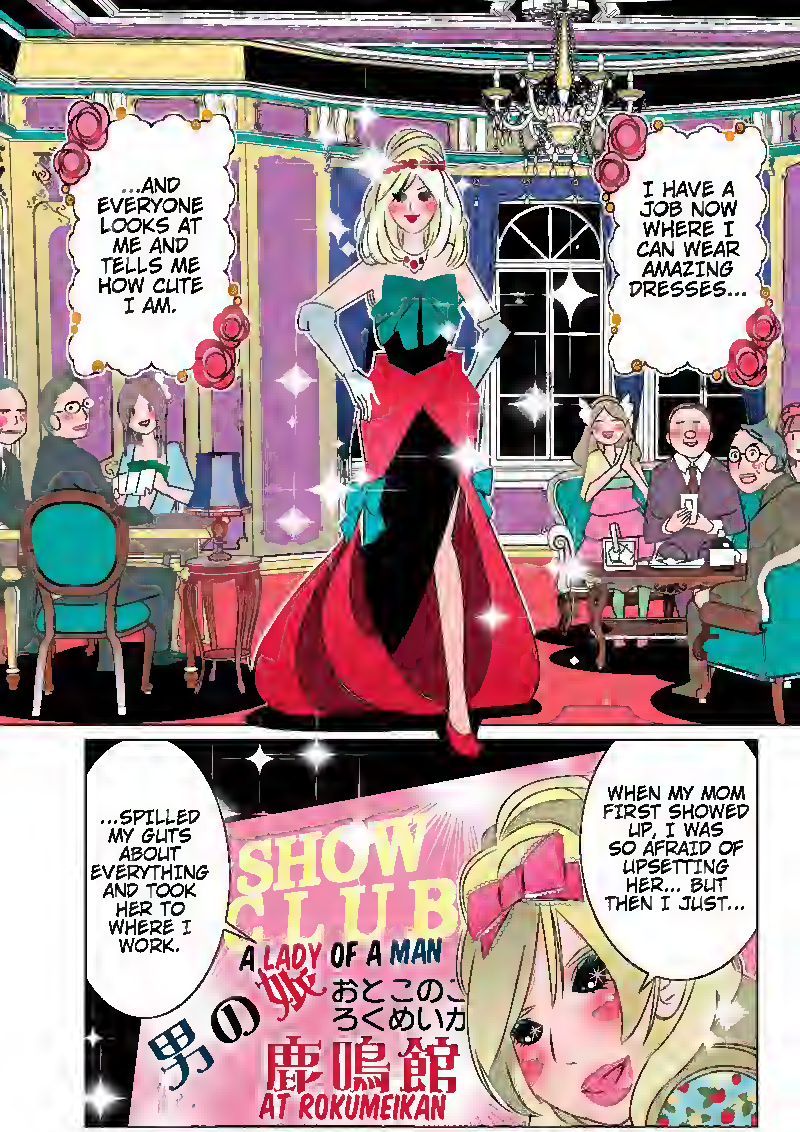
...I KNEW YOU'D HEAR MY MAN'S VOICE AND BE SHOCKED!


...AND EVERYONE LOOKS AT ME AND TELLS ME HOW CUTE I AM.
I HAVE A JOB NOW WHERE I CAN WEAR AMAZING DRESSES...
...SPILLED MY GUTS ABOUT EVERYTHING AND TOOK HER TO WHERE I WORK.
WHEN MY MOM FIRST SHOWED UP, I WAS SO AFRAID OF UPSETTING HER... BUT THEN I JUST...
SHOW CLUB
A LADY OF A MAN
男の姫
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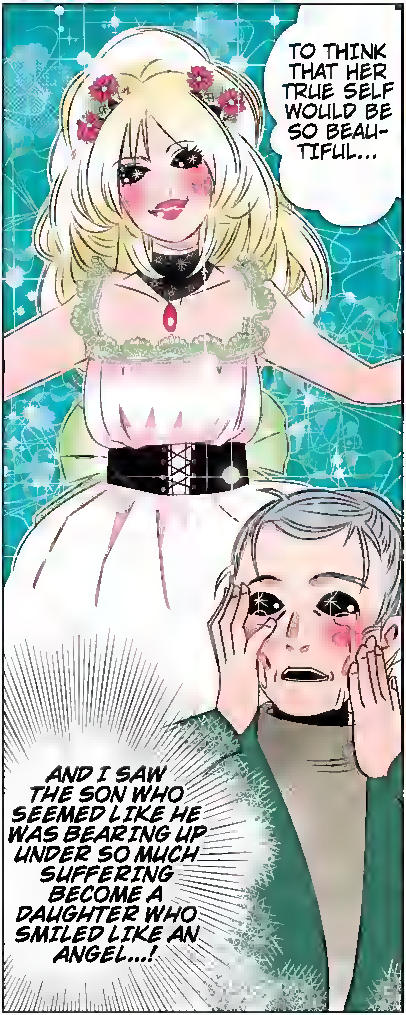
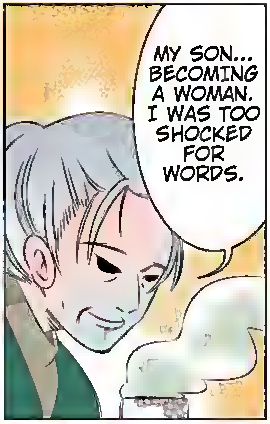
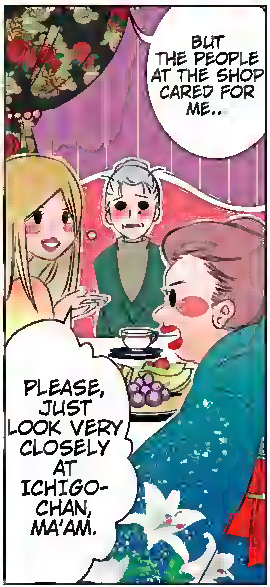
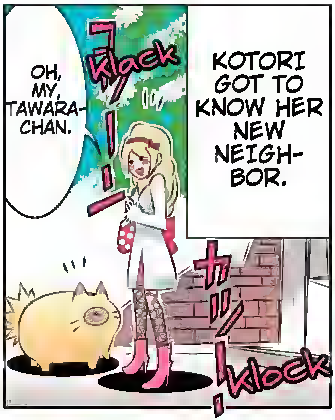
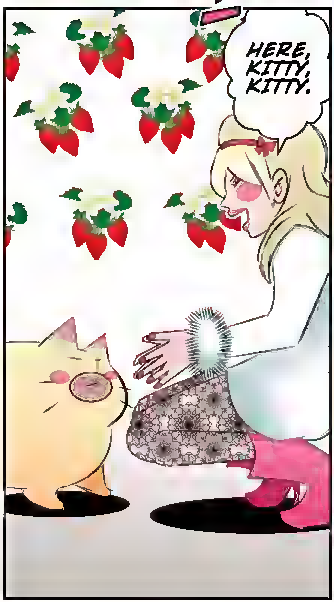
ろくめいか
鹿鳴館
AT ROKUMEIKAN


TO THINK THAT HER TRUE SELF WOULD BE SO BEAUTIFUL...
AND I SAW THE SON WHO SEEMED LIKE HE WAS BEARING UP UNDER SO MUCH SUFFERING BECOME A DAUGHTER WHO SMILED LIKE AN ANGEL...!


MY SON... BECOMING A WOMAN. I WAS TOO SHOCKED FOR WORDS.


BUT THE PEOPLE AT THE SHOP CARED FOR ME..
PLEASE, JUST LOOK VERY CLOSELY AT ICHIGO-CHAN, MA'AM.


KOTORI GOT TO KNOW HER NEW NEIGH-BOR.
OH, MY, TAWARA-CHAN.
カリ!
kick!
カリ!
kick


HERE, KITTY, KITTY.

I'LL TRY TO TALK TO YOUR FATHER ABOUT IT.
THANK YOU, MAMA! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
頑張るの!
I'll try hard for you!
犯人が出頭して来ました
The criminal has shown his face!
AND SO...
OH, THEY FOUND THE GUY FROM THAT HEADLESS MURDER CASE ALREADY.

TAWARA REALLY IS POPULAR WITH THE LADIES!!